

For photos of Milan C. MISKOVSKY, see articles in Miami News, New York Herald Tribune, New York Times, Baltimore Sun, dated March 7, 1962, and National Observer dated March 11, 1962, all filed AG U-2.

## CIA REPORTS ON QUIZZING OF POWERS

Data Are Released By  
Senate, House  
Committees

Washington, March 6 (AP)—A summary report on the questioning by the Central Intelligence Agency of Francis Gary Powers, released today by the Senate and House Armed Services Committees:

Since his return from imprisonment by Soviet Russia, Francis Gary Powers has undergone a most intensive debriefing by CIA and other intelligence specialists, aeronautical technicians, and other experts concerned with various aspects of his mission and subsequent capture by the Soviets.

This was followed by a complete review by a board of inquiry presided over by Judge E. Barrett Prettyman to determine if Powers complied with the terms of his employment and his obligations as an American. The board has submitted its report to the director of central intelligence.

Certain basic points should be kept in mind in connection with this case. The pilots involved in the U-2 program were selected on the basis of aviation proficiency, physical stamina, emotional stability, and, of course, personal security.

They were not selected or trained as espionage agents, and the whole nature of the mission was far removed from the traditional espionage scene. Their job was to fly the plane, and it was so demanding an assignment that on completion of a mission physical fatigue was a hazard on landing.

### Contract Noted

The pilots' contracts provided that they perform such services as might be required and follow such instructions and briefings in connection therewith as were given to them by their superiors. The guidance was as follows:

"A. If evasion is not feasible and capture appears imminent, pilots should surrender without resistance and adopt a cooperative attitude toward their captors.

"B. At all times while in the custody of their captors, pilots will conduct themselves with dignity and maintain a respectful attitude toward their superiors.

"C. Pilots will be instructed that they are perfectly free to



POWERS IN PUBLIC—Francis Gary Powers, left, smiles before testifying before Senate Armed Services Committee. Larry Houston, the U-2 pilot's attorney, sits on Powers's left.

sound of a high explosive. This caused him to look up from his instruments, and he saw surrounding him, or perhaps reflected in his canopy, he is not sure, an orange or reddish glare which seemed to persist.

He felt this phenomenon to be external to the plane but says he cannot be sure. For a moment the plane continued to fly normally, then it dipped to the right but he found he was able to control this dip and level the plane with his normal controls. Shortly thereafter, however, the plane began to nose forward, and Mr. Powers states that as he drew back on the stick he felt no control as if the control lines had been severed. The plane nosed sharply over and went into violent maneuver, at which point he believes the wings came off.

### G Forces Exerted

The hull of the plane then turned completely over and he found himself in an inverted spin with the nose high revolving around the center of the fuselage so that all he could see through the canopy looking ahead was the sky revolving around the nose of the plane. This motion exerted G forces on him which threw him forward and up in the cockpit.

At this point he states he could have reached the destruct switches which would have set off an explosive charge in the bottom of the plane. He states that this charge would go off in 20 seconds and he did not yet know if he could leave the plane

people participating in the project, and he states that he tried to anticipate what names would become known and gave those, such as the names of his commanding officer and certain other personnel at his home base in Adana, Turkey, who would probably be known in any case to the Russians.

However, they asked him for names of other pilots and he states that he refused to give these, on the grounds that they were his friends and comrades and if he gave their names they would lose their jobs and, therefore, he could not do so. He states they accepted this position. It is his stated belief, therefore, that the information he gave was that which in all probability would be known in any case to his captors.

At his trial he had only the advice of his Russian defense counsel to go by, and he advised that unless Powers pleaded guilty to what the Russians considered a clear violation of domestic law and expressed penitence matters would go hard for him, including a possible death sentence. These actions were consistent with his instructions from CIA.

After that trial and sentencing, Mr. Powers states that there was only intermittent interrogation of little importance and that on the whole he was adequately fed, and given medical attention when required.

tured him lived in this same small village.

Some information from confidential sources was available. Some of it corroborated Powers and some of it was inconsistent in parts with Powers's story, but that which was inconsistent was in part contradictory with itself and subject to various interpretations.

Some of this information was the basis for considerable speculation shortly after the 1 May episode and subsequent stories in the press that Powers's plane had descended gradually from its extreme altitude and had been shot down by a Russian fighter at medium altitude.

### Careful Analysis

On careful analysis, it appears that the information on which these stories were based was erroneous or was susceptible of varying interpretations. The board came to the conclusion that it could not accept a doubtful interpretation in this regard which was inconsistent with all the other known facts and consequently rejected these newspaper stories as not founded in fact.

On all the information available, therefore it is the conclusion of the board of inquiry which reviewed Mr. Powers's case and of the director of central intelligence, who has carefully studied the board's report and has discussed it with the board, that Mr. Powers lived up to the terms of his employment and instructions

FOIAb3b

CPYRIGHT

